#### **DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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# To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a copy of the public notice for informational workshops regarding the **Proposition 84 Delta, San Joaquin River and Sacramento River Water Quality** grant draft guidelines. Two workshops have been scheduled for April, one in Modesto and one in Sacramento, to provide an opportunity for formal public comment on the draft guidelines. With the passage of Proposition 84 (the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006), the Department of Water Resources (DWR) became responsible for administering \$130 million in grant funding to improve Delta, San Joaquin River and Sacramento River water quality. The enclosed public notice details project eligibility criteria including the geographic project areas and types eligible for grant funding.

An electronic copy of the draft guidelines will be posted on the DWR Bay-Delta Office Proposition 84 website at:

http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/prop84/index\_prop84.cfm

Questions and comments regarding the guidelines must be submitted in writing either by email to <a href="mailto:BDOp84grants@water.ca.gov">BDOp84grants@water.ca.gov</a>, by regular mail or in person at the workshops.

Questions or comments submitted by regular mail shall be sent to Genny Schrader, California Department of Water Resources, Bay-Delta Office, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 215-30, Sacramento, California 95814. Upon review of the comments and questions and incorporation of edits, DWR anticipates adoption of the guidelines in June 2008. Following adoption, the Department plans to begin the project solicitation phase with issuance of the first draft Project Solicitation Packages (PSP). PSPs will be issued in accordance with the planned funding schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-5085 or Genny Schrader at (916) 653-2118.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Robert Pedlar Chief, South Delta Management Section

**Attachments** 

# Notice of Public Workshops for Proposition 84 Delta, San Joaquin River, and Sacramento River Water Quality Grant Guidelines

# **Introduction:**

With the November 2006 passage of Proposition 84 (the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006), the Department of Water Resources (DWR) became responsible for administering \$130 million in grant funding to improve Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water quality. This funding is available for grant projects that meet one of the following project eligibility criteria:

- Reduce or eliminate discharges of salt, dissolved organic carbon, pesticides, pathogens and other pollutants to the San Joaquin River.
- Reduce or eliminate discharges of subsurface agricultural drain water from the west side of the San Joaquin Valley.
- Reduce or eliminate discharges of bromide, dissolved organic carbon, salt, pesticides and pathogens from discharges to the Sacramento River.
- At Franks Tract and other locations in the Delta that will reduce salinity or other pollutants at agricultural and drinking water intakes.
- Those identified in the June 2005 Delta Region Drinking Water Quality
  Management Plan for the construction of the relocation of drinking water
  intake facilities for in-delta water users.

#### **Meeting Dates and Locations:**

Two informational workshops will be conducted to address comments and questions about the draft guidelines.

Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Cal EPA Building, Coastal Room 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Monday, April 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Stanislaus County Agricultural Building, Harvest Hall 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B Modesto, CA 95358

### **Workshop Registration:**

Participants planning to attend are asked to register by email at BDOp84grants.water.ca.gov or by phone to Genny Schrader at (916) 653-2118. Although registration is not required for workshop participation, it will assist DWR to confirm the number of handouts needed for the workshops and maintain a mailing list of

interested persons for future communications. Please let us know if you require special accommodation to participate in the workshop(s).

## **For Further Information:**

Bay-Delta Office program documents, agendas for the workshops, and updates will be posted on the Proposition 84 website at:

http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/prop84/index\_prop84.cfm

The draft guidelines will be posted on the website on or around April 10. Questions or comments regarding the guidelines may be submitted via e-mail to:

## BDOp84grants@water.ca.gov

Comments and questions that arise at the workshops will also be recorded. Questions will be compiled into a "Response to Questions" document that will be mailed and posted on the above website upon the culmination of the public review period. The public comment period for the draft guidelines will end May 12. The guidelines will be modified and then adopted by June 2008. No further comments will be accepted after the final guidelines have been adopted.